include: setting up of Indian Exposition Mart at Greater Noida, a state of art Technology and Design Centre for Photo and Picture framing at Saharanpur and Jodhpur, Special Economic Zone (SEZ) in greater Noida, permanent showroom in Dallas Mart, USA, Institute of Carpet Technology (IICT) at Bhadohi and Satellite centres of IICT at Jaipur & Srinagar.

NTC mills

†1409. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of mills of National Textiles Corporation that are opening in the country;

(b) the number of mills making profits; and

(c) the number of sick mills and the measures taken or being taken to make them profitable?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA): (a) There are 54 mills now operating under NTC.

(b) No mill is making profit as on date.

(c) BIFR/Govt. have approved a Rehabilitation Schemes for the 9 NTC companies at a total cost of Rs. 3913.84 crores consisting closure of 66 unviable mills and revival of 53 mills. The schemes are to be largely funded through sale of surplus lands.

Expert Committee on technical textiles

1410. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the expert committee on technical textiles has submitted its report to Central Government on 30th August, 2004.

(b) whether this Committee was set up by Government 1-1/2 years ago;

(c) what are other recommendations made by the expert Committee;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(d) to what extent suggestion made have been agreed implemented; and

(e) whether at present market for technical textiles is about Rs. 20,000 crores and by 2010 this was expected to go up to Rs. 44,000 crores;

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA): (a) and (b) Yes Sir.

(c) The Committee has suggested Five Year Action Plan for promotion of technical textiles. The major recommendations made by the expert committee are as under:—

— The Committee has short-listed Phased programme for development of identified of twenty-five products/product groups such as geotextiles, sports, footwear, fire retardant, health related textiles, fabrics, computer ribbon, filters automobile textiles, etc.

— Setting up the Inter-ministerial Committee to co-ordinate the implementation of Action Plan recommended by ECTT.

— Setting up of centres of excellence.

— Creation of Facilities for testing and evaluation of technical textiles as a Centre of excellence.

— Development of Resource Centre with I.T. Infrastructure.

— To create facilities for indigenous development, facilities for training of core personnel, regular training of personnel, creating awareness, designation of centres of excellence.

A Steering Committee for Development and Growth of Technical Textiles (SCDGTT) is to be set up under the chairmanship of Textiles Commissioner to monitor and reivew the growth of the technical textiles industry to monitor and review the growth of the technical textiles industry and also activities of centres of excellence.

(d) The Committee has made limited and focused recommendations which are essential for promoting the growth of this industry in the country. The recommendations made are being examined by the Government

(e) The market size of technical textiles is expected to go from about Rs. 19.130 crore in 2003-04 to Rs. 29,579 crore by 2007-08